

## The SCC Assistant Tutor Scheme (AT scheme).

### What does the 'AT Scheme' involve?

Entry is via an interview, at which applicants must demonstrate their anatomical and theoretical understanding of the cranial field. This calls for enthusiastic revision.

We will also be looking for maturity, perspective and commitment to self-development on interpersonal, as well as osteopathic levels.

#### Minimum requirements are:

1. In practice for minimum 6 years.
2. Attendance at least two Basic courses (Module 2 and 3 and on the Pathway). Preference will be given to Pathway Completers, although experience gained in other environments will also be considered.
3. Working with the Primary Respiratory Mechanism for five years (or more) since your first Basic/Module 2/3 course.

### What is Ost Ed? Is it the first step into the AT Scheme? Must I do it?

The SCC's Osteopathic Education is a recognised part of training to become an SCC tutor. It is a course – usually run over the course of three weekends – that explores ways of learning in an osteopathic context, and is a foundation for appreciating the 'student-centered' approach SCC faculty have been trained in. The SCC offers this course to any osteopath who is interested in teaching; but because it involves giving mini-lessons to peers, reflecting on teaching practice, and observing the learning process, it is probably most effective if taken while one has already begun teaching, whether for the SCC or any other college. Ost. Ed. is run on alternate years, and SCC Assistant Tutors usually take the course during, or shortly before or after, the period of their on-course training.

The scheme employs existing tutors as mentors and teacher-trainers. There are two elements: participation with supervision on Module 2/3 courses, and training days to help prepare you for the AT role and explore principles of Osteopathic Education.

The AT Scheme is managed by the **Assistant Tutor Supervisor (ATS)**, currently Louise Jamieson Hull. She will oversee your progress throughout the scheme, liaise with you about courses and training days and communicate with you after each course.

The **Assistant Tutor Coordinator (ATC)** is a member of Faculty on each Module 2/3 and runs the scheme within that course. You will work with a different **Tutor** on each day and have opportunities to observe and participate in the day's tutoring with supervision.

As an **Assistant Tutor**, you may participate in up to three Module 2/3 courses and up to seven training days as you progress through the AT scheme. For each Module 2/3, you are required to attend the entire course: 5- or 6-days plus the pre-course day and post-course half-day. The AT training days explore learning, teaching and assessment essential for SCC tutoring (with some home-study projects).

There is **self- and tutor assessment** within the AT Scheme: this is necessary to support your learning and development and to help you recognize your progress and needs. After each Module 2/3, you are required to write a post-course report to review your experiences and learning from the course.

**Payments** are made to Assistant Tutor as an acknowledgment of their time and commitment and all travel and accommodation expenses are refunded.

We welcome your interest

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